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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2800****PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** William S. Oakley      **Confirmation No.** 1324  
**Serial No.:** 09/602,345  
**Filed:** June 23, 2000  
**Examiner:** Hai Chi Pham  
**Group Art Unit:** 2861  
**Docket No.:** 10401US01  
**Title:** MULTI-CHANNEL OPTICAL RECORDING USING VCSEL ARRAYS

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2003, the period of response for which runs through March 22, 2004, Applicant submits the following **Remarks** which begin on page 2 of this paper.